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1. To leave or enter China, a person claiming Chinese residence must make application to the authorities at the place of residence claimed. Two shop and one or more personal guarantees must be obtained and submitted as attachments to the application. Guarantors vouch for the status claimed by the applicant and are answerable for his behavior both within the borders of China and, in the case of exit from China, for a reasonable period after his departure from China. Consequently, guarantors are practically unobtainable.
2. A shop guarantee is good for only one round trip and has the date for entering China specified. If the traveller is overdue or fails to arrive, the shop concerned is held responsible.
3. A person who has been out of China for a long time, must return his certificate of identity to the local authorities before his application for entry will be considered. The certificate is cancelled and the former holder is permitted to reenter China only on a visitor's permit, which specifies conditions of exit as well as entrance. Usually, a person who has been out of the country for a long time is instructed by official letter to return his resident's certificate for cancellation. He is usually quick to comply, but, despite this, the authorities at his former place of residence may require his relatives and friends to explain in detail his reasons for not returning in person.¹
4. Upon receiving an entrance permit, the person is permitted to travel only to the destination named. Unless special permission has been authorized, the traveller must remain at the destination listed

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in the permit for a minimum of ninety days before an application to proceed to another city will be accepted for consideration.

A person travelling by train from Shench'uan on the Sino-Kowloon border to Canton may undergo as many as twenty body searches. Anything he has which appears to be new is subject to a tax. His clothing, including both the clothing he is wearing and that in his luggage, may be taken apart at all seams.

6. At the Shench'uan border, entry permits are inspected at three separate control desks. Inasmuch as travel regulations have now been nationalized, it is no longer possible to convince an official that a permit issued in another area may be interpreted differently from a permit issued in the area where entry or exit is taking place.

7. There are still large numbers of wealthy businessmen and landlords in the Canton area who are trying desperately to flee the country. The usual method is for such a person to contact the "yellow ox" gang, which takes him to an obscure coastal village, provides him with forged papers, places him in a small boat, and sends him to sea, where he is transferred to a larger vessel and taken to Hong Kong.

8. A special station has been established by the Chinese Communists at Shench'uan for the purpose of inspecting passengers travelling over the Sino-Kowloon border. Persons with travel permits are given a detailed check by the Communists and those under suspicion for any reason are detained and checked more closely. In addition, a number of Communists agents walk back and forth across the border to arrest persons attempting to cross the border without permits. The Communists have placed red flags along the border to indicate its location, and have ordered persons residing along the border to report persons attempting to cross the border.

9. Persons arriving at Shench'uan without travel permits are returned to their points of departure. Even those entering China whose papers are in order are watched by young and pretty hostesses and waitresses aboard the trains.

10. In May the Chinese Communist Border Defense Bureau had all freight conveyors and Yellow Ox travel guides register in Canton and Shench'uan under a chain-guarantee system to prevent their smuggling persons over the China border. Those found guilty of smuggling persons over the border are to be shot immediately.

11. In May the Communists also erected barbed wire entanglements along the Shench'uan-Kowloon border and placed search lights and patrolmen along the border at night to prevent illegal crossings.

1. Comment. This is not clear. Possibly the relatives are required to explain why he has not attempted to return sooner.

2. Comment. Border controls in Kwangtung were previously discussed in

3. Comment. Activities of the "Yellow Ox" gang in Shanghai were reported in

4. Comment. Shuik'ao (水客), the old-fashioned way of having agents carry and deliver personal goods, chiefly via the waterways.

Comment. Additional information on security measures and travel controls in Kwangtung is contained in

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